

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) An allergen-reduced royal jelly, where the amount of water-soluble proteins is reduced to less than 50% (w/w) to the amount of total proteins.

2. (Original) The allergen-reduced royal jelly of claim 1, where allergens are eliminated without substantially losing the useful pharmacological action of royal jelly.

3. (Currently Amended) The allergen-reduced royal jelly of claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, where the weight ratio of the total proteins to 10-hydroxy-2-decenoic acid, on a free fatty acid basis, is less than six.

4. (Original) A process for producing an allergen-reduced royal jelly comprising the steps of

separating a royal jelly into a precipitate and a supernatant comprising water-soluble proteins by adding water and centrifuging;

collecting low molecular substances by eliminating high molecular substances comprising water-soluble proteins

from the resulting supernatant using ultra-filtration or gel filtration chromatography; and

mixing the resulting low molecular substances with the aforesaid precipitate.

5. (Currently Amended) The allergen-reduced royal jelly of ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, which is obtainable by the process of claim 4.

6. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising the allergen-reduced royal jelly of ~~any one of claims 1 to 3 or claim 5~~ claim 1 together with another component.

7. (Currently Amended) A composition produced by incorporating the allergen-reduced royal jelly of ~~any one of claims 1 to 3 or claim 5~~ claim 1 into an anhydrous saccharide.

8. (Original) The composition of claim 7, wherein said anhydrous saccharide is any one of anhydrous trehalose, anhydrous maltose, and anhydrous cyclic tetrasaccharide.

9. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of claims 6 to 8~~ claim 6, ~~further~~ which comprises saccharide transferred-vitamin C.

10. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of claims 6 to 9~~ claim 6, ~~further~~ which comprises one or more antioxidant substances.

11. (Original) The composition of claim 10, wherein said antioxidant substances are flavonoids, polyphenols, vitamin E, and vitamin C.

12. (Currently Amended) The composition of ~~any one of claims 6 to 11~~ claim 6, which is in the form of a food, feed, bait, pet food, or cosmetic.

13. (New) The allergen-reduced royal jelly of claim 2, where the weight ratio of the total proteins to 10-hydroxy-2-decenoic acid, on a free fatty acid basis, is less than six.

14. (New) The composition of claim 7, which comprises saccharide transferred-vitamin C.

15. (New) The composition of claim 7, which comprises one or more antioxidant substances.

16. (New) The composition of claim 15, wherein said antioxidant substances are flavonoids, polyphenols, vitamin E, and vitamin C.

17. (New) The composition of claim 7, which is in the form of a food, feed, bait, pet food, or cosmetic.